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In re Application of:

CAROLE LE BERRE et al

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Serial No.: none assigned  
(PCT/FR99/02652)

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: METHOD FOR PREPARING ACETIC ACID AND/OR METHYL  
ACETATE IN THE PRESENCE OF IRIIDIUM AND PLATINUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter into the application the amendments set  
forth below and in the attached Appendix:

Sub B1  
1. (Amended) A process for the preparation of acetic  
acid, methyl acetate or both acetic acid and methyl acetate in  
a liquid phase reaction medium comprising carbonylation of  
methanol, isomerization of methyl formate or both processes,  
in the presence of water, a solvent, a homogeneous catalyst

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